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SUBJ: THREE ORIGINAL NRC MEMBERS RESIGN

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1. GOG ANNOUNCED OCT 14 THAT RESIGNATIONS FROM NRC HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FROM COL. KWAME BAAH (ECONOMIC PLANNING), COL. ANTHONY H. SELORMEY (HEALTH) AND COL. K.B. AGBO (LOCAL GOVERNMENT). THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY REPLACED BY DR. ROBERT GARDINER, BRIG. ODARTEY-WELLINGTON AND LT. COL. B.K. AHLIJAH, RESEPECTVELY. NOT CLEAR WHETHER ODARTEY-WELLINGTON WILL CONTINUE AS FIRST BRIG. COMMANDER, BUT WE DOUBT IT.

2. DEPARTURE OF THREE LEAVES ACHEAMPONG ALONE IN GOVERNMENT AMONG THOSE WHO MADE THE COUP IN JANUARY, 1972. BAAH, AGBO AND SELORMEY WERE MEMBERS OF NRC FROM BEGINNING AND BAAH WAS, AT TIME, SECOND
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IN COMMAND OF FIRST BRIGADE UNDER ACHEAMPONG. (BEAUSOLEIL ALSO

MEMBER FIRST NRC, BUT WAS PRESUMABLY CO-OPTED AND NOT PART OF
COUP PLANNING GROUP.)

3. IN APPARENTLY IDENTICAL LETTERS THE THREE STATED THAT THEY
WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT SUBORDINATION OF NRC TO NEW SMC AND
REQUESTED RELIEF FROM OFFICE.

4. ADDITION OF 61 YEAR OLD GARDINER SHOULD BE PLUS TO NEW
GOVERNMENT. HE HAS HAD DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS GHANAIAAN CIVIL
SERVANT AND UN AND ECA OFFICIAL. HE HAS THE TALEN AND
EXPERIENCE REQUESTED FOR HIS NEW ROLE; IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN
WHETHER HE CAN INJECT MOVEMENT IN HITHERTO LETHARGIC
BUREACRACY.

5. WE ARE CLEARLY STILL IN A STATE OF FLUX IN GHANA. WHETHER
POSITION OF ACHEAMPONG HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED OR WEAKENED IS
SUBJECT OF DEBATE. HOEPFULLY SITUATION WILL BE SOMEWHAT CLEARER
SOON AND NEW CAST CAN SETTLE DOWN TO TACKLE SERIOUS ISSUES.
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